

TRANSPORTATION ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MONTHLY REPORT: October 2003

- The Council met for their regular monthly meeting in Escanaba on October 8th. The meeting was held at the Delta County Road Commission Offices.
- The Council approved 6 priorities at their October meeting. These priorities will be used to develop the Council's work plan for the next several years. The Council will use their December 10th meeting to discuss specific tasks for each of the priorities.
- The Council selected the Center for Geographic Information to be the central data storage agency as required by Act 499 of 2002. The Data Management Committee met with Eric Swanson and Rob Surber of the Center to discuss specific tasks and instructed staff to have a draft memorandum of agreement available for review at the November meeting.
- Data collection efforts continued throughout the month. By the month's end more than 80% of the federal-aid eligible miles had been rated. Staff has received numerous reports from regional planning agencies regarding the process. Once the data collection is completed staff will compile the comments and present them in a written report to the Council. In general, the comments have been very positive.
- Staff continued to receive lists of projects from the various regional planning agencies and MPOs as part of the multi-year program. There has been a delay in reporting this year due to the uncertainty of federal-aid because reauthorization legislation had not been passed by Congress. Also there has been some confusion from local road agencies with regards to the form we have been using. Staff is scheduled to meet with representatives of several county road commissions on December 1, to hear their concerns. It is anticipated that there will be modifications to the form and to how projects are to be reported to better coincide with current agency practices.
- Year-end expenses are still being tabulated and will be reported to the Council as soon as staff receives the numbers.